

Duvall City Council Responsibilities

What exactly does it mean to be a Duvall City Councilmember?

Holding an elected office requires a strong commitment to the community. There are city and state codes that legally define a councilmembers' role, but many councilmembers have read those codes and then asked "But what am I supposed to DO?" Every city council operates a little differently. This outline is meant to be a description of what a councilmember's role is in Duvall.

The Duvall City Council is an elected body of 7 members. The Council's main responsibility is to set policy for the City. The City Council has an important role in the budget process. The Mayor is responsible for ensuring that policies set by the Council are carried out.

City Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Council meetings are preceded at 6:00 p.m. by an informal workshop. Regular attendance at Council meetings and workshops is crucial.

The City Council uses committees to allow individual councilmembers the ability to gain a better understanding of specific policy issues. Each councilmember has responsibility for overseeing policy issues in some aspect of city government. The current Council committees are Public Works, Community Development, Community Safety, Public Outreach, and Finance and Administration. In addition to keeping current on local policy issues, councilmembers also need to stay informed on issues at the state and county level that could affect the city.

Significant time must be set aside for reading and researching as well as for council meetings, workshops, and other meetings. The personal rewards for serving on the Council can be great – not monetarily (the rate of pay is \$250/month) but by being able to contribute to the betterment of the community and by having the opportunity to meet and work with many diverse and dedicated individuals.